

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 12, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Abstract Objections

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because it contains improper language. Through this Response, all such legal language has been removed. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 15 to recite a “computer-readable medium”. Applicant respectfully submits that remaining claims 11 and 13-20 are now directed to statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 101 (e.g., a “manufacture”) and therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-6, 11-16, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Roztocil, et al.* (“Roztocil,” U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0044868).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that

the rejections are moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Regarding the merits of independent claims 1 and 11, Roztocil does not teach “creating a press ready file at the designer location that encompasses both [a] print job and [a] job ticket”. First, Roztocil discloses creation of a press ready file at a printer service provider location, not a separate designer location. Second, Roztocil does not teach a file that encompasses both a print job and a job ticket.

Furthermore, Roztocil does not teach “an automated preflight module that executes on a computer at the print service provider” that performs “an automated preflight check of said press ready file”. As described in paragraph 0048 of the Roztocil reference, an “operator” performs a review for errors.

Additionally, Roztocil does not teach an automated preflight check that comprises “automatically opening, reading, and interpreting said job ticket, to confirm that the selected production devices identified in said job ticket are available and, if one or more of the selected production devices are not available, automatically selecting one or more alternative production devices to process said print job”.

Moreover, Roztocil does not teach an “automated prepress rework module” that performs automated prepress rework of the print job by “by automatically reformatting said print job for any newly selected production devices to ensure production substantially as designed.”

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Roztocil does not anticipate claims 1 and 11 or their dependents.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7-10 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* in view of *Stewart, et al.* ("Stewart," U.S. Pat. No. 6,714,964).

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Stewart does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-10 and 17-20 are allowable over the Roztocil/Stewart combination for at least the same reasons that claim 1 and 11 are allowable over Roztocil.

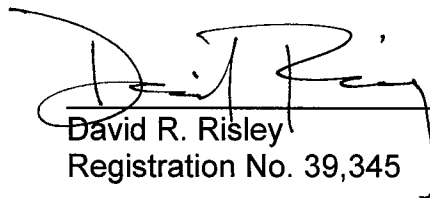
V. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 12, and 21 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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